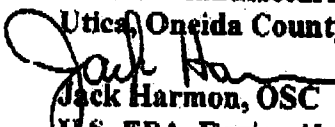


**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT**

I. HEADING

Date: March 16, 1998

Subject: Bossert Manufacturing Site
Utica, Oneida County, New York

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POLREP NO. 21

II. BACKGROUND

Site No.:	S7
Delivery Order No.:	2101-02-010
Response Authority:	CERCLA
ERNS No.:	N/A
CERCLIS No.:	NYD002249563
NPL Status:	Non-NPL
Action Memo Status:	Approved on 9/26/97
Start Date:	9/30/97
Demobilization Date:	N/A
Completion Date:	N/A

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III. SITE INFORMATION

A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Inactive Production Facility

B. Site Description

The Bossert Manufacturing Site (site) is an abandoned production facility located at 1002 Oswego Street in the City of Utica, Oneida County, New York. The Bossert facility was used for the stamping, weldment, and fabrication of sheet metal items such as brake backing plates and steel floor grates from 1896 until the mid-1980's. During its operation, PCB oils were utilized in transformers and in hydraulic presses used in the manufacturing process. As a result of past manufacturing practices and salvage operations at the site, interior surfaces on floors and walls of the facility, as well as machinery and other structures within the building, became contaminated with PCBs.

CERCLA funds have been activated to abate the threat to public safety and the environment. Activity will include the off-site disposal of approximately 3,500 cubic yards of PCB contaminated debris, asbestos abatement, decontamination of mechanical and hydraulic presses, and the partial demolition/shoring of a building.

For a more detailed description, see Polrep No. 1 (Initial).

IV. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A. Situation

1. Removal Actions to Date

3/9/98 - 3/13/98: ERRS continued to stockpile PCB contaminated chem dust and carbon powders in the Trimmer Room to await loadout. ERRS also continued to decontaminate scrap metal with a high temperature pressure washer. Clean scrap metal was placed into roll-off dumpsters for salvaging. During this work week, one roll-off dumpster of scrap metal was shipped off site for salvaging to recover funds which will be readministered into the ERRS project ceiling. See VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL for an updated table of scrap metal salvaged and funds recovered.

2. Enforcement

The PRP Search for the site has been initiated and enforcement efforts are continuing.

B. Planned Removal Actions

ERRS will begin to make repairs in the Press Room based upon recommendations made after a structural evaluation performed during the week of March 2. The repairs made will ensure a safe working environment during upcoming work to be performed in the Press Room. ERRS will continue transportation and disposal of PCB contaminated debris, kiln dust, and carbon powder during the week of March 16. ERRS will also continue to decontaminate scrap metal and steel using a high temperature pressure washer.

C. Key Issues

The United States Coast Guard - Atlantic Strike Team was mobilized to site on March 16 to conduct contractor monitoring, health & safety oversight and technical support during the absence of the START contractor.

V. COST INFORMATION AS OF MARCH 16, 1998 *

ERRS Contractor	\$	2,669,669
START Contractor Costs		164,447
Intramural Costs		265,771
USCG-AST		305
TOTAL	\$	3,100,192
Project Ceiling	\$	5,990,000
Percent of Project Funds Remaining		48.2%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

VI. DISPOSITION OF WASTES

Wastestream	Medium	Quantity	Containment-Migration Control	Treatment	Disposal
PCB (UN3077)	Contaminated debris	1,545 cu. yds.	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY
PCB (UN2315)	Kiln dust & spent carbon	~425 tons	Consolidated & Covered	Landfilled	Chemical Waste Management Model City, NY

VII. SALVAGEABLE MATERIAL

Material	Quantity	Funds Recovered
Scrap Metal	126.62 tons	\$ 7,537.01

* This table will be updated as recovered funds are received from Universal Empire Salvaging Company.